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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSIONER JIMMY EVANS  
RECORDS  
1987-1990**

**RECORD GROUP 302**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Record Group 302 contains the records of Commissioner Jimmy Evans, Tennessee Department of Transportation, from 1987-1990. The collection is composed of Correspondence related to counties and Subject Files. Original order was maintained where possible.

The records contained in Record Group 302 came to the Tennessee State Library and Archives from the State Records Center. The final disposition of the collection was determined by the Records Disposition Authorization (RDA) process. After removing duplicate, secondary, and extraneous materials during processing the collection consisted of 11 linear feet of materials. In accordance with RDA S590, all the material in Record Group 302 has been microfilmed and the originals were disposed of by state approved method.

## **SCOPE & CONTENT**

Record Group 302 contains the records of Commissioner Jimmy Evans, Tennessee Department of Transportation, from 1987-1990. The collection is composed of two parts: Correspondence related to counties, and Subject Files.

The Correspondence is arranged chronologically, then alphabetically by county. The Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by topic, then chronologically. Documents within each folder are arranged chronologically.

The Correspondence consists of constituent letters forwarded from the Governor's office and Congressional offices for a reply, inter-and-intra departmental memos, and correspondence to and from potential contractors, federal offices, and local business.

The Subject Files contain listings of highway projects then underway or planned for specific counties and information on the department's initiatives and projects, but the information does not give a full description of the projects. There is also a schedule of the use of state planes for 1986 by the Governor and various departments.

Record Group 302 would prove useful to someone researching Tennessee Department of Transportation road projects from the late 1980's. The collection does not provide great detail about the department's projects, but should prove useful to researchers.

For further information on the Tennessee Department of Transportation researchers should consult Record Group 17, Highway Maps, City and County, State of Tennessee, 1939 to present; Record Group 33, Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, 1939-1963; Record Group 39, Mississippi River Bridge at Memphis, 1939-1951; Record Group 84, Highways and Public Works, Department of Records, 1913-1972; Record Group 207, Bridge Inspection Reports, 1972-1987; and Record Group 292, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Commissioner Dale Kelley Records, 1985-1986.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

### **Jimmy Mann Evans**

Commissioner Jimmy Evans, who served as commissioner of the Department of Transportation from 1987-1990 during the McWherter administration, was a former owner and president of Pioneer Contracting Company in his hometown of Dyersburg, Tennessee. He was born in 1932 in Jackson, Tennessee, but grew up in Paris where he was captain of the Grove High School baseball and basketball teams. He was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals but was prevented from pursuing a big-league career because of a back injury. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Lambuth College and a law degree from Vanderbilt. He was a past president and member of the Tennessee Roadbuilders Association, and was a member of the Dyersburg Board of Education. Evans died of cancer on December 7, 1992.

## **DEPARTMENT HISTORY**

Before 1915 state roads in Tennessee were under local authority. The state's participation mainly consisted of grants to turnpike companies and legislation authorizing local authorities to manage roads. Even prior to becoming a state Tennessee worked to improve roads by raising funds through land sales, lotteries, and taxes paid in labor. In 1801 the legislature appointed the first commissioner for road building. Having state roads under local authority lead to problems in locating roads and coordinating road improvements.

In 1915 the state created the State Highway Department, the first administrative agency for highway construction and maintenance. The act also created the State Highway Commission to formulate a state highway plan. This allowed highway projects and priorities to be decided by a central state body. The State Highway Commission was made of three ex-officio members and three members appointed by the governor. In 1919 the State Highway Commission was changed to a three member salaried commission.

The department was reorganized as the Department of Highways and Public Works in 1923 under the State Reorganization Act. The act required that all state departments be combined under eight department heads who would be appointed by the governor. The act abolished the State Highway Commission transferring the formulation of the state highway plan to the department's commissioner.

In 1972 the Tennessee Department of Transportation was formed. Since then this department has responsibility for all modes of transportation within the state.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Microfilm Roll #1**

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#### **Box 1**

#### **Correspondence 1987**

1. Anderson County - 1987
2. Benton County – 1987
3. Bledsoe County – 1987
4. Blount County – 1987
5. Bradley County – 1987
6. Campbell County – 1987
7. Cannon County – 1987
8. Carroll County – 1987
9. Carter County – 1987
10. Chester County – 1987
11. Claiborne County – 1987
12. Clay County – 1987
13. Cocke County – 1987
14. Coffee County – 1987
15. Crocket County – 1987
16. Cumberland County – 1987
17. Decatur County – 1987
18. DeKalb County – 1987
19. Dyer County – 1987
20. Fayette County – 1987
21. Fentress County – 1987
22. Franklin County – 1987
23. Gibson County – 1987
24. Grainger County – 1987
25. Greene County – 1987
26. Grundy County – 1987
27. Hamblen County – 1987

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28. Hamilton County – 1987
29. Hancock County – 1987
30. Hardeman County – 1987
31. Hardin County – 1987
32. Hawkins County – 1987
33. Haywood County – 1987
34. Henderson County – 1987
35. Henry County – 1987

36. Jackson County – 1987
37. Jefferson County – 1987
38. Johnson County – 1987
39. Knox County – 1987
40. Lake County – 1987
41. Lauderdale County – 1987
42. Loudon County – 1987

## **Box 2**

### **Correspondence 1987**

1. Madison County – 1987
2. McNairy County – 1987
3. Monroe County – 1987
4. Morgan County – 1987
5. Obion County – 1987
6. Roane County – 1987

## **Microfilm Roll #3**

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7. Scott County – 1987
8. Sevier County – 1987
9. Shelby County – 1987
10. Sullivan County – 1987
11. Tipton County – 1987
12. Unicoi County – 1987
13. Union County – 1987
14. Washington County – 1987
15. Wayne County – 1987
16. Weakley County – 1987
17. Williamson County – 1987
18. Wilson County – 1987

## **Box 3**

### **Correspondence 1988**

1. Anderson County – 1988
2. Bedford County – 1988
3. Benton County – 1988
4. Blount County – 1988
5. Bradley County – 1988
6. Campbell County – 1988

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7. Cannon County – 1988
8. Carroll County – 1988
9. Carter County – 1988
10. Chester County – 1988
11. Cheatham County – 1988
12. Claiborne County – 1988
13. Clay County – 1988
14. Cocke County – 1988
15. Coffee County – 1988
16. Crockett County – 1988
17. Cumberland County – 1988
18. Decatur County – 1988
19. DeKalb County – 1988
20. Dickson County – 1988
21. Fayette County – 1988
22. Fentress County – 1988
23. Franklin County – 1988
24. Gibson County – 1988
25. Giles County – 1988
26. Grainger County – 1988
27. Greene County – 1988
28. Grundy County – 1988
29. Hamblen County – 1988
30. Hamilton County – 1988
31. Hancock County – 1988
32. Hardeman County – 1988
33. Hardin County – 1988
34. Hawkins County – 1988
35. Haywood County – 1988
36. Henderson County – 1988

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37. Henry County – 1988
38. Hickman County – 1988
39. Houston County – 1988
40. Humphreys County – 1988
41. Jackson County – 1988
42. Jefferson County – 1988
43. Johnson County – 1988
44. Lake County – 1988
45. Lauderdale County – 1988

46. Lawrence County – 1988
47. Lewis County – 1988
48. Lincoln County – 1988
49. Loudon County – 1988

**Box 4**

**Correspondence 1988**

1. Macon County – 1988
2. Madison County – 1988
3. Marion County- 1988
4. Marshall County – 1988
5. Maury County – 1988
6. McMinn County – 1988
7. McNairy County – 1988
8. Meigs County – 1988
9. Monroe County – 1988
10. Montgomery County – 1988
11. Moore County – 1988
12. Morgan County – 1988
13. Obion County – 1988
14. Overton County – 1988
15. Perry County – 1988
16. Pickett County – 1988
17. Polk County – 1988
18. Putnam County – 1988
19. Rhea County – 1988
20. Roane County – 1988
21. Robertson County – 1988
22. Rutherford County – 1988

**Microfilm Roll #6**

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23. Scott County – 1988
24. Sequatchie County – 1988
25. Sevier County – 1988
26. Shelby County – 1988
27. Smith County – 1988
28. Stewart County – 1988
29. Sumner County- 1988
30. Tipton County – 1988
31. Trousdale County – 1988
32. Unicoi County – 1988
33. Union County – 1988



34. Van Buren County – 1988
35. Warren County – 1988
36. Washington County – 1988
37. Wayne County – 1988
38. Weakly County – 1988
39. White County – 1988
40. Williamson County – 1988

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41. Wilson County – 1988

**Box 5**

**Correspondence 1989**

1. Anderson - 1989
2. Bedford County – 1989
3. Benton County – 1989
4. Bledsoe County – 1989
5. Blount - 1989
6. Bradley County – 1989
7. Campbell - 1989
8. Cannon County – 1989
9. Carroll County – 1989
10. Carter - 1989
11. Cheatham County – 1989
12. Chester County – 1989
13. Claiborne - 1989
14. Clay - 1989
15. Cocke – 1989
16. Coffee - 1989
17. Crockett County – 1989
18. Cumberland – 1989

**Microfilm Roll #8**

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19. Davidson County – 1989
20. Decatur County – 1989
21. DeKalb - 1989
22. Dickson County – 1989
23. Dyer County – 1989
24. Fayette County – 1989
25. Fentress – 1989
26. Franklin – 1989

27. Gibson County – 1989
28. Giles County – 1989
29. Grainger - 1989
30. Greene - 1989
31. Grundy - 1989
32. Hamblen – 1989

#### **Microfilm Roll #9**

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33. Hamilton County - 1989
34. Hancock - 1989
35. Hardeman County – 1989
36. Hardin County -1989
37. Hawkins - 1989
38. Haywood County – 1989
39. Henderson County – 1989
40. Henry County – 1989
41. Hickman County – 1989
42. Houston County – 1989
43. Humphreys County – 1989
44. Jackson - 1989
45. Jefferson - 1989
46. Johnson – 1989

#### **Microfilm Roll #10**

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##### **Box 6**

##### **Correspondence 1989**

1. Knox County – 1989
2. Lake County – 1989
3. Lauderdale County – 1989
4. Lawrence County – 1989
5. Lewis County – 1989
6. Lincoln County – 1989
7. Loudon County – 1989
8. Macon - 1989
9. Madison County – 1989
10. Marion – 1989
11. Marshall County – 1989
12. Maury County – 1989

#### **Microfilm Roll #11**

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13. McMinn - 1989
14. McNairy County – 1989

15. Meigs - 1989
16. Monroe County – 1989
17. Montgomery County – 1989
18. Moore County – 1989
19. Morgan County – 1989
20. Obion County – 1989
21. Overton - 1989
22. Perry County – 1989
23. Pickett - 1989
24. Polk - 1989
25. Putnam - 1989
26. Rhea - 1989
27. Roane County – 1989
28. Robertson County – 1989
29. Rutherford County – 1989
30. Scott County – 1989
31. Sequatchie - 1989
32. Sevier County – 1989

#### **Microfilm Roll #12**

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33. Shelby County – 1989
34. Smith County – 1989
35. Stewart County – 1989
36. Sullivan County – 1989
37. Sumner County – 1989
38. Trousdale County – 1989
39. Unicoi County – 1989
40. Union County – 1989
41. Van Buren - 1989
42. Warren - 1989
43. Washington County – 1989
44. Wayne County – 1989
45. White - 1989
46. Williamson County – 1989
47. Wilson County – 1989

#### **Box 7**

##### **Subject Files**

1. Accelerated Primary Highway Plan, 1987
2. Adopt-A-Highway Program, 1989
3. Aeronautics Commission, 1988

**Microfilm Roll #13**

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4. Affirmative Action, 1988-1989
5. Airport Relocation Land, 1988
6. Aloise Luhr/Tower Rock, 1987-1988
7. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, 1988-1989
8. American Road & Transpiration Builders Association, 1988
9. American Road & Transpiration Builders Association, 1988-1989
10. Annual Report, 1989
11. Appalachian Regional Commission, 1988-1989
12. Attorney General's Office, 1989
13. Bicycling, 1986-1988

**Microfilm Roll #14**

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14. Billboards, 1987-1988
15. Bridge Replacement, 1988
16. Bridges, 1987-1989
17. Budget Correspondence, 1989-1990
18. Budget Documents, 1987-1988
19. Budget Information, 1987-1988
20. Budget, 1986
21. Budget, 1988-1989
22. Budget, 1989
23. Building Commission Minutes, 1988-1989
24. Cabinet Meeting, 1989
25. CADD Design Unit, 1987
26. Carroll County, 1987-1988
27. Charity Fund, 1989
28. Civilian Conservation Corps Marker Fund, 1988
29. Clean Tennessee, 1988-1989

**Microfilm Roll #15**

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30. Colonel Certificate Requests, 1987-1988
31. Commissioner Evans Speech File, 1987
32. Commissioner Jimmy Evans, EDI Program, 1987
33. Commissioner Jimmy Evans, SASHTO, 1987
34. Commissioners, 1988
35. Congressional, 1988
36. Conservation, 1988-1989
37. Construction, 1988-1989

**Box 8****Subject Files**

1. Consultants, 1987-1988
2. Consultants, 1988-1989
3. Contract Awards, 1987
4. Contract Awards, Bid Letting, 1989
5. Contract Bids & Awards, 1988

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6. Contract Bids & Awards, 1989
7. Contract Compliance Office, 1987-1989
8. Contractors, Guardrail Incident, 1988
9. Corridor "J" Project, 1987
10. Credit Union – 1988
11. County Reports, 1989
12. Cuba Landing, 1987
13. Davidson County, I-840, 1987-1988
14. Davidson County—Correspondence, 1988
15. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, 1987-1989
16. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification Letters, 1988-1989
17. Donelson Pike Relocation, Nashville Airport, 1987-1988
18. Drainage, 1989

**Microfilm Roll #17**

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19. Drug Free Tennessee, 1989
20. Ducks Unlimited Incorporated, 1988
21. Dyer County, 1988
22. East Tennessee Development District, 1987
23. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1989
24. Economic Cabinet Council, 1987-1988
25. Economic Cabinet Council, 1989
26. Economic and Community Development, 1987-1989
27. Emergency Call Boxes, 1989
28. Ethanol, 1988
29. Exit Audit Findings, 1988

**Box 9****Subject Files**

1. Federal Highway Administration, 1987-1989

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2. Federal Highway Administration, 1988-1989
3. Ferry Board, 1987
4. Finance and Administration, 1987-1989
5. Fiscal Review Committee, 1987-1989
6. Gas Tax, 1988-1989
7. Gasohol, 1988
8. General Assembly, 96<sup>th</sup>, Committee Assignments, 1989
9. Governor's Drug Free Tennessee Program, 1987-1989
10. Governor's Highway Safety Program, 1989

**Microfilm Roll #19**

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11. Hall, Jim, Governor's Assistant, 1987-1989
12. Harris Fork Creek, Obion County, 1988
13. Hatchie River Bridge, 1989
14. Health & Environment Net, 1988-1989
15. Highway 64, 1988
16. Highway Beautification, 1987-1989
17. Highway Construction Price Trends, 1988-1989
18. Highway Fund Revenues, Status, 1987-1988
19. Highway Fund Revenues, Status (2), 1987-1988
20. Highway Fund Revenues, Status, 1988-1989
21. Highway Safety, 1987-1989
22. Highway Users Federation, 1987-1989
23. Highway Users 20/20 Program, 1988
24. I-75 Stone Company - 1987-1988
25. Interchanges, 1989
26. Internal Audit, 1988
27. Interstate 155, 1987
28. Interstate 840—Correspondence, 1989
29. Karnes Bridge, Knox County, 1986-1988
30. Keep America Beautiful, 1987-1989
31. Knox County, 1988

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**Box 10****Subject Files**

1. Legal, 1989
2. Legislative Achievements, 1989
3. Legislative Session, 1987
4. Legislative Session, 1988
5. Letters Signed by Commissioner Evans (2), 1990

6. Letters Signed by Commissioner Evans, 1990
7. Listening in Action, 1988-1989
8. Litter, 1989
9. Local Rail Service Assistance, 1989

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10. Logo File, 1987-1989
11. Madison County—Beverly Hills Drive, 1988-1989
12. Madison County—U.S. 412, 1988
13. Mathews, Harlan, 1987-1989
14. Maximum Size and Weight Laws, 1987-1989
15. Memphis Pyramid, 1987
16. Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, 1988-1989
17. Mid-Cumberland Development District, 1987
18. Minority Business Enterprises, 1988
19. Miscellaneous, 1987
20. Miscellaneous, 1988
21. Miscellaneous, 1988-1989
22. Miscellaneous Bridge Information, 1989
23. Natchez Trace Parkway, 1989
24. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1988-1989
25. National Transportation Safety Board, 1989

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26. News Releases, 1986-1989, n. d.
27. Nuclear Waste Program, 1988
28. Obion Forked Deer Basin Authority, 1988-1989
29. Operation Lifesaver, 1988-1989
30. Outdoor Advertising, 1988-1989
31. Oversize/Overweight Truck Permitting Uniformity, 1989
32. Pellissippi Parkway, 1987
33. Pellissippi Parkway, Knox County, 1988
34. Polk Building – 1988

#### **Box 11**

##### **Subject Files**

1. Project List File, 1987-1988
2. Project List File, 1989-1990
3. Project List, Working Papers, 1989-1990

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4. Project Listing by Senatorial districts, 1989-1990
5. Projects, Proposed, 1990-1991
6. Public Service Commission, 1988-1989
7. Public Transportation, 1987
8. Public Transportation, 1988
9. Public Transportation, Aeronautics, 1987
10. Public Transportation, Aeronautics, 1988
11. Public Transportation, Railroads, 1987
12. Public Transportation, Railroads, 1988-1989
13. Railroad Crossings, 1987-1989
14. Railroads, 1987
15. Region III Headquarters Building, 1988-1989
16. Regional Transportation Authority, 1988-1989
17. Rest Areas, 1987-1989
18. Scales, 1987
19. Shelby County, U. S. 64, 1988
20. Short-Line Railroads, 1989
21. Signing, 1988-1989
22. Smoking Policy – 1988-1989
23. Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, 1987-1989
24. Speed Limit, 1987-1989

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25. Stars Purchasing System, 1987-1988
26. State Aircraft Contract, 1987
27. State Management Conference, 1989
28. State Off-System Bridge Program, 1988
29. Strategic Highway Research Program, 1989
30. Sullivan County, 1988
31. Summary of Projects In Four Major Metropolitan Areas, 1989
32. Super Collider, 1987-1988
33. Technical Advisory Council, 1987
34. Technical Memorandum No. 3, SR 40 (US 64) Relocation Ocoee Gorge Bypass, 1989
35. Tennessee Advisory Board For Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, 1987-1988
36. Tennessee Associated Builders and Contractors, 1988
37. Tennessee County Services, 1987-1989
38. Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, 1987-1989
39. Tennessee Municipal League Policy, 1988
40. Tennessee Road Builders Association, 1987
41. Tennessee Scenic Parkway, 1987



42. Tennessee Transportation Assistance Program, 1987
43. Transportation Consortium, 1987-1989
44. Transportation Equity Fund, 1987
45. Transportation Improvement Program, 1987-1988
46. Twin Trailer Use in Tennessee, 1988-1989
47. U. S. Department of Transportation, 1988-1989
48. U. S. Department of Transportation, Mass Transportation Administration, 1989
49. Urgent Highway Needs, 1986
50. Valued Engineering, 1987
51. Vanderbilt Engineering Center for Transportation Operations & Research (VECTOR), 1988-1989
52. Vehicle Weight and Size Law Enforcement Plan, 1989
53. Vehicle Weight Limitations, 1987-1989
54. Waterways, 1987-1989
55. Weather Information, 1988-1989
56. Welcome Centers and Rest Areas, 1983-1989
57. Wolf River Bridge, 1988-1989